

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE STRONG

Count Okuma Says Agreement Between Countries is Not Weakening.

TOKIO, April 17.—The development of the anti-British alliance campaign in the Japanese press has at last brought Premier Count Okuma out with an interview in which he asserts that the alliance is as strong as ever and tells the allies they must stick together to crush Germany—their common foe.

"Any allegation that Japan is insincere in her friendship for, or disloyal to, her treaty with Great Britain is utterly untrue," he said.

"The spirit of chivalry and loyalty to a friend is strong among the Japanese and this spirit has been manifested in many ways since the outbreak of the war. I have no fear that the leading men of America, or of any other country, will doubt Japan's sincerity or loyalty because of the writings and mountings of a sensational newspaper any more than we of Japan doubt the friendship or the loyalty of England or America because a few newspapers say unkind things or publish untruths about us."

"We are doing everything we can to assist England in fighting her enemy."

"It is true that recently a small section of the Japanese press has taken a stand that might be regarded as anti-British. It has been suggested to me that such newspapers should be rigorously dealt with; but I regard the muzzling of the press as a dangerous thing to do unless the newspapers overstep the bounds."

"I assert positively, without any fear of successful contradiction, that Japan is loyal to her alliance, friendly to Great Britain and faithful to all her undertakings. The Anglo-Japanese alliance is just as strong today as ever it was. Japan benefits by the alliance and so does Great Britain."

Must Stick Together.
"We must stick together—Great Britain and Japan, Russia and France, Italy and all others. In order that we may crush Germany—our common foe."

The interesting thing about this interview is its genesis. For months a continuous campaign against England and the British alliance has been conducted by a large section of the Japanese press and though the papers have frequently been of low standing they have enlisted the pens of members of the diet, members of the house of peers, professors and publicists of all sorts. Some have frankly abused England like Prof. Tachibana of the Imperial university, who declared that the English were a race of "long sleeves," (poor fighters) with whom it was a disgrace for a high souled people like the Japanese to be allied.

Most writers here come back to China as the nerve center of the trouble with the British alliance. This campaign has naturally excited the indignation of Britishers. All previous attacks seemed to be capped when the Japan Times, a Japanese paper printed in English came out with a long editorial in which the attitude of the British press in China was severely criticized and it was stated that unless there was a change "many Japanese will surely be driven to fancying that it will be wise for their country to renew friendship with the Germans. We believe the Germans are quite ready to overlook many things Japan may do in China if only they can win her to their side."

Is a Straight Hint.
This, appearing in a journal which is controlled by the man who has charge of Japan's semi-official agency for disseminating news to Europe and Asia, amounted to a straight hint to the British diplomats, and was so interpreted in a

George W. Peck, Author of Bad Boy Tales, Dead

MILWAUKEE, April 17.—George W. Peck, 73 years old, former governor of Wisconsin for two terms, and at one time mayor of Milwaukee, died here Sunday after a short illness.

Peck was one of three democrats who since the admission of Wisconsin to the Union in 1848, held the position of governor. He was governor from 1890 to 1895. In 1892 his opponent on the republican ticket was former United States Sen. John C. Spooner, whom he defeated after a close contest.

After locating in Milwaukee, Mr. Peck began publishing a series of humorous stories, the best known of which were his "Peck's Bad Boy" stories. Other collections of stories he published were "Peck's Compendium of Fun and Sunshine," "How Private George W. Peck Put Down the Rebellion," "Peck's Uncle Ike and the Red Headed Boy," "Sun-bears—Humor, Sarcasm and Sense."

foreign paper next morning, which stated: "It is clear that to the Japan Times the London agreement of last year providing for no separate peace is already a scrap of paper so far as the Japan Times is concerned. Friendship with Japan's foreign relations. What does it mean if not that unless the British attitude in China is altered Japan is ready to go over to the Germans?"

A similar view seems to have been taken in quarters of some authority for on several succeeding days the Japan Times came out with editorials denying that they had meant to play up Germany and asserting their devotion to the British. Finally Count Okuma took a part and gave the Japan Times the interview quoted above.

Whether there was a failure in the inspiration and the Japan Times really made a mistake at which it afterwards got scared or whether the hint having been administered, the agent had to be disavowed will probably never be known to the outer world.

Three Brothers To Take Part in 300 Mile Speed Race

INDIANAPOLIS, April 17.—For the first time in the history of the sport, three brothers will drive a team of cars in a speedway race. The entry of three Frontenacs is announced for the sixth annual International Sweepstakes race to be held on the Indianapolis motor speedway on May 30.

Charter members of speedway fans will be delighted to learn that Louis Chevrolet has "come back." Said charter members remember the first event on the Indianapolis track in 1909 when Louis won the 10-mile race in a Buick. At that time the late Bob Burman was a teammate; also Louis Strang, who has been dead several years was Chevrolet's teammate. Of the three famous Buick stars of those "good old days" Chevrolet alone remains. He will drive a car of his own creation this year, which he calls "Frontenac." Three Frontenacs are entered, the other two are to be driven by Arthur and Gascon Chevrolet, brothers of Louis. They have built their cars which are said to contain some radical constructional features.

Although much faster time has been made since the days that Louis Chevrolet, Burman and Strang thrilled thousands by their Buick performances, yet perhaps there has never been a school of drivers so daring as those who were tutored under the famous Bill Dyer. These men learned to dare and do, and were the forefathers as it were,

Ventures Matrimony Again



CHICAGO, April 15.—Mrs. Lydie Peace Vredenburg, whose engagement to Charles Tilden Hulburd, banker, is announced. Mrs. Vredenburg obtained a divorce from Thomas D. Vredenburg, a wealthy lumberman, following charges made by a girl against him and Lieut. Gov. Barratt O'Hara.

of the type of men one sees today in speedway racing.

Louis Chevrolet, is not what one would call an old man, but he is in every sense of the word, a seasoned veteran, and his very personality seems to radiate adventurous romance. Nevertheless, he is decidedly practical, as evidenced by his ability as an engineer. He won various short distance events on the Indianapolis track in the earlier days, and it has always been his secret dream to annex victory in one of the International Sweepstakes events. He retired from racing and for some time was lost in the prosaic business of designing and building cars for commercial purposes, but the lure and fascination of the speed game has called him irresistibly. Some will remember back in 1910 at Indianapolis when Louis won three events, one right after the other. In the first race—a 10-mile one—a flying pebble broke his goggles, sending a splinter of glass into his eye, with excruciating pain. But Chevrolet finished the race and drove the other two with the injured eye closed, depending upon the other one entirely for sight. To endure the pain alone proved him a giant of grit. Today this would not be permitted, owing to the rigid medical examinations which must be passed before the race.

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GIRL SHOT DEAD AFTER FUNERAL

Man Then Turns Gun on Self and Inflicts Serious Wound.

SPENCER, Ind., April 17.—Miss Fern Brumit, 18 years old, was shot and instantly killed and Harry Dyer, 40 years old, was shot and injured seriously Sunday night while waiting for a train to return from the funeral of Mrs. Martha Dyer, mother of the man, at Farmers, Ind., 13 miles east of here. Dyer is alleged to have done the shooting. There is no known motive unless he had suddenly gone insane from grief over his mother's death.

Miss Brumit lived with her parents next door to the Dyer home. She accompanied the funeral party from Indianapolis Sunday. While waiting for the train to take them home, Dyer and Miss Brumit walked away from other members of the party and in a few minutes four shots were heard. When others in the party rushed in the direction of the shots they found Miss Brumit dead, shot once in the forehead and twice in the mouth. Dyer was lying close by shot once. His condition was such that he could not be moved to Indianapolis Sunday night.

Miss Brumit's mother in Indianapolis had prepared supper for the members of the funeral party and was waiting for them to return home when she was informed of the shooting. Members of Miss Brumit's family could give no reason for the tragedy. Miss Brumit and Dyer were said to be friends only. Dyer was very devoted to his mother.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK HEADS MEET TODAY

Will Consider Standard System of Clearing Long Contemplated.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Governors of the 12 federal reserve banks will meet here Monday to consider a standard system of clearing, contemplated ever since the present monetary system went into effect. The federal reserve board probably will meet with the governors.

Atty. Gen. Gregory has been asked to interpret a clause of the law which apparently gives power to the board to establish such a system. His opinion has not yet been submitted and unless it is ready in time for tomorrow's meeting action probably will be postponed.

Other matters to be discussed include rates on commercial paper and the present surplus of reserves, aggregating nearly \$1,000,000,000 more than required by law.

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MYSTERY ABOUT DOUBLE KILLING

Man Shoots Woman and Cuts Her Throat, Then Cuts Own.

WASHINGTON, Ind., April 17.—Miss Daisy May Jones, 36 years old, was shot and her throat was cut Sunday, it is charged, by her brother-in-law, James Perkins, a farmer, who later was found dead in a hog mire with his own throat cut. The only known witness to the tragedy was Hazel Perkins, 16 years old, daughter of the man. She was in bed, and has been unconscious most of the time. After Miss Jones was shot the young girl leaped from her bed, grabbed the revolver from her father's hand and ran barefooted to the home of a neighbor a mile away. The exposure she suffered left her in a serious condition.

No Reason Known.
No reason is known why Perkins should kill his sister-in-law. She had been making her home with the Perkins family and no trouble is known to have occurred in the household. Mrs. Perkins and a 10-year-old son had gone to church. Perkins is said to have started to a field with a younger boy but told the lad to go ahead and he would get his hat. When he entered the house it is said that Miss Jones was combing her hair. What was said is not known but two shots were fired from a new revolver Perkins had purchased Friday. One missed Miss Jones and the other struck her in the breast. It was then that Miss Perkins grabbed the revolver and ran. When neighbors arrived at the house Miss Jones was lying with her hands and throat slashed. Perkins was gone. His body was found near the house a little later.

Miss Jones and her sister, Mrs. Perkins, were daughters of a former sheriff of Daviess county and heirs, with their brother, Charles Jones, to an estate of about \$150,000. Coroner Poindexter said no inquest would be attempted until the condition of Miss Perkins improves.

HOME OF EX-POLICE CHIEF IS ROBBED

Former Elkhardt Official Loses His Watch—Recovered by Successor.

News-Times Special Service: ELKHART, Ind., April 17.—The home of former Chief of Police Roth, 215 W. Washington st., was entered by a Negro burglar Sunday night, and while the slumbering ex-official was relieved of his watch, which he had placed in a vest pocket close to the bed, the intruder was captured, watch and all, by the present administration.

Floyd Roth, 15-year-old son of the chief, was sleeping on the first floor and saw the man enter the house through a rear window. He saw him climb the stairs and heard him in his father's room, where he found the watch. No sooner had the intruder left the house than the lad set up an alarm, awakened his father, and the police department was notified.

Fifteen minutes later a man giving his name as Henry Williams, 35 years old, was arrested. He had the chief's watch.

Guy Southworth, 45 years old, well known local bicycle dealer, died at his home here Sunday morning. He is survived by two sons.

KILLED BY BASEBALL.
ELKINS, Va., April 17.—Shirley Phillips, 14 years old, was instantly killed when struck by a baseball pitched by J. E. Staughter in a game at Harding near here Sunday. A coroner's jury later exonerated Staughter.

HER HOME NO LONGER CHILDLESS

Operation Not Necessary After Taking the Great Medicine for Women.

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Preparedness on Skyscraper Roof



DRILLING ON SKYSCRAPER ROOF

NEW YORK, April 15.—Every day at the luncheon hour the employees of the New York Life Insurance Co. drill for half an hour on top of the Broadway skyscraper where they work. Thomas Keggan directs the work which includes the manual of arms, acrobatic stunts and formation drill. About 200 preparedness enthusiasts participate daily.

GENERAL PERSHING IN DODGE BROTHERS CAR

According to detailed advices now arriving from the border, Dodge brothers' motor cars have played a prominent part in the invasion of Mexico in pursuit of Villa. When Gen. Pershing led his troops across the border he traveled in a Dodge brothers' motor car, and four other touring cars were used in the transportation of supplies. These cars have, of course, been since supplanted in this work by the big trucks shipped to Mexico but the touring cars are still in use by the army.

According to the transportation department they have made wonderful records in the desert travel after the fleeing Mexican bandits. Reporting on the performance of the Dodge brothers' car that carried Gen. Pershing on the first advance, an army officer said:

"We had practically to make our own roads and from what the Dodge brothers' car showed on that trip I believe it could climb a wall. The car went through mountain passes and over places where it was necessary for the engineering corps to blast out a trail before the trucks coming after could get through at all."

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